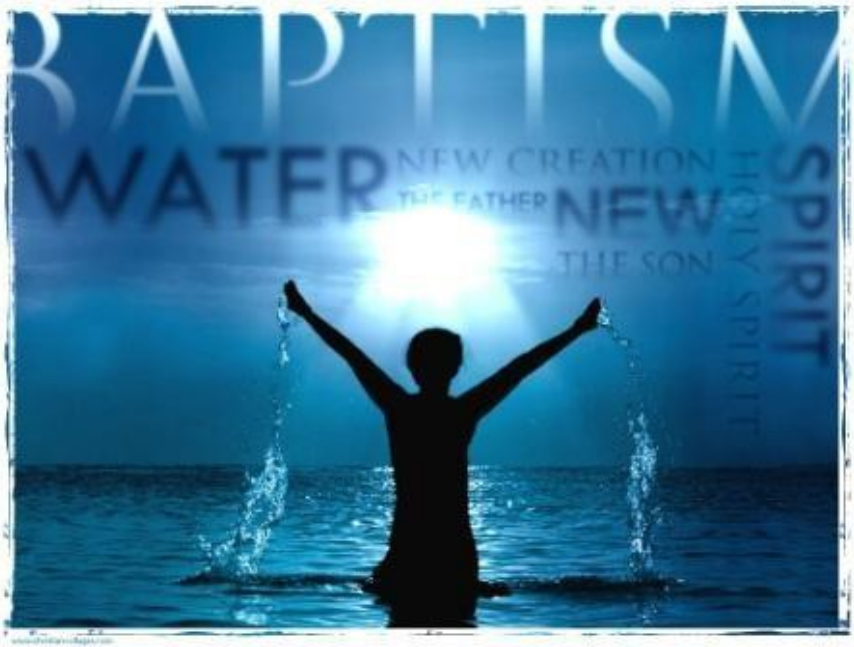


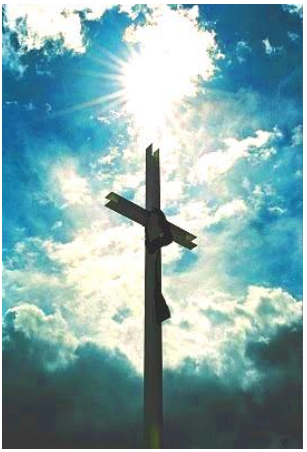
What is Water Baptism?

It is a privilege to show the world that the resurrected Christ has changed our lives by choosing to follow Him in water baptism. Did you know that water baptism is our first act of obedience after we receive Jesus as our Savior? If you have committed your life to Christ & have not made the decision to be baptized in obedience to God's Word, consider doing it today! Please read the following & speak to a pastor if would like more information. You can also check the box on your communication card.

Water baptism is a ceremony that symbolizes the start of our spiritual life. After a person becomes a Christ-follower (by confessing and repenting of their sins & trusting in the sacrificial death & resurrection of Jesus), they are to follow Jesus' command to be baptized in water.

Water Baptism is something we do because we have become Christians and have been forgiven by the Lord. It does not "wash away" our sin: Jesus alone does that. It is rather a sign of what Jesus has already done.

The symbolism in Water Baptism is very important. During baptism, a person is gently lowered into the water and then raised up. This reminds us of Jesus dying and being placed in the tomb, only to rise up from the dead in victory! Water Baptism is indentifying with the death & resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a powerful image that all believers are "dead to sin" and "alive in Christ."



Water Baptism is for all those who have made a conscious decision to receive Jesus as their Lord & Savior. After someone has become a believer, baptism needs to be done as soon as possible. People of all ages have been baptized. As with the taking of Holy Communion, if a child becomes a believer and wants to be baptized, it is up to the parent to discern their level of understanding. A person of any age who truly understands the symbolism and wants to be baptized to show what Christ has already done within them needs to be baptized. Parents may seek pastoral counsel to help determine their child's readiness for water baptism.

Water Baptism is…

1. a step of obedience

Water Baptism follows the command of the Lord Jesus.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

If Jesus is our Lord (or 'Boss') and He says to be baptized,
the only response a Christ-follower can have is "Yes!"

2. a symbol of our salvation

Water Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change.

"... when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism,
we joined him in his death… For we died and were
buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father,
now we also may live new lives." **- Romans 6:3-4 (NLT)**

Water Baptism unites us to Christ's
death, burial, and resurrection.

3. a sign that we have joined "the church"

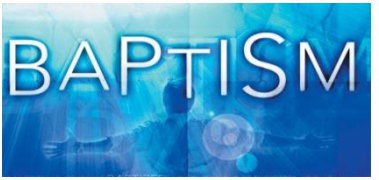
Water Baptism means identifying with Christ and His church.

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have
put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes.
There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and
female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- Galatians 3:26-28 (NLT)

Water Baptism serves as our
public testimony of faith in Him.

Practical Tips

Arrive at least 20 minutes before the service starts



What 2 Wear

- Wear to church what you are going to be baptized in.
- Clothes you don't mind getting wet
- Ladies dress modestly and appropriately
- Men can come with swimsuit underneath of clothes

What 2 Bring

- Dry clothes to change into afterwards
- Plastic bag to put your wet clothes into
- Towel
- Hair dryer, etc.

What 2 Do

- Stay calm! We've never lost anyone!
- Give a brief testimony about what Jesus means to you.
    - Why you are being baptized.
        - "Jesus forgave me…"
        - "Jesus saved me…"

Water Baptism is an important spiritual step in your life. Don't let nerves ruin the moment for you. It is a time to give thanks to God for His salvation. Don't be afraid to express your love to Jesus! This is a moment you'll never forget!

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